

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:142
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SURVEILLANCE CHECKS BY DGCA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has recently found various lapses during surprise surveillance checks conducted at airports across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the lapses brought to the notice of DGCA;
- (c) whether responsibilities have been fixed for such lapses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the further steps taken by the Government to ensure that the relevant orders/guidelines are properly adhered to?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c) and (d):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to part (a),(b),(c) and (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question (i) No. 142 for 26.02.2009 regarding "Surveillance Checks by DGCA".

(a),(b),(c) and (d):- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has conducted inspection of aerodromes only as part of process for licensing the aerodrome used for scheduled air transport services in the country in order to ascertain compliance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards before certifying the aerodromes used for international scheduled air transport services.

The observations made during the inspections related generally to the operational facilities. Since the inspections were carried out as part of the licensing process, observations made during the inspection were forwarded to aerodrome operator for taking necessary corrective actions, before issuing aerodrome license.

Once the aerodrome license is issued, the aerodrome operator is required to take prior approval of DGCA for making any changes in the aerodrome operational facilities, which will ensure that guidelines issued by DGCA are properly adhered to by the aerodrome operators.